



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary November 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Firley and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from September 21, 2015 was approved (motion by T. Printz-Platnick; seconded by K. Walsleben).

**Update from the County Council** – Several Councilmembers' offices were represented. A new Bill #31-15 was introduced to address the dangers of radon and would require testing prior to home sales in the county. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Liquor Control are expected soon. WSSC will soon conclude their series of advisory committee meetings on the Ten Mile Creek Area Study. Councilmember Rice will hold three community meetings in October (Germantown, North Potomac with Councilmember Katz, and Clarksburg/Damascus). Councilmember Berliner will hold a community meeting with District 1 residents in Bethesda.

**Update from Upcounty Regional Director** – East County Regional Director Jewru Bandeh staffed this meeting and reviewed several announcements on behalf of Upcounty Regional Director Catherine Matthews who was absent due to illness.

#### **Discussion – “Preparing for the 2016 General Assembly”**

Senator Feldman discussed economic development and ways to get it going in Poolesville. Senator Barkley discussed school construction and the county needs more money in completing various school construction projects. Delegate Kirill Reznik discussed redistricting and a procurement reform bill and the Justice Reinvestment Program which is a program for those incarcerated for nonviolent crimes and have been given long sentences. The program would take a look at sentencing statutes and reinvest dollars in these individuals. There was also discussion on the Death or Dignity Bill proposing permission for an individual to use options that might end life or prevent the end of life.

Edgar Gonzales, Deputy Director of the Department of Liquor Control, informed the board that the department has developed an Improvement Action Plan that is believed to straighten out a lot of problems identified. The improvement plan has been implemented and there is new management in the warehouse. Also, a Customer Service Center has been created and the Department will be opening four new stores in the next FY.

**General Discussion** – The upcoming CIP Budget Forum, scheduled for January 25, 2016 was discussed. A community meeting on the Montgomery Airpark was held on November 4, 2015 and Mr. Edmunds reported that a lot of people were in attendance and concerns were expressed. It was mentioned in that meeting that the FAA has control over flight plans and the county does not. The Revenue Authority which manages the Airpark property is trying to make the Airpark more resident friendly and anyone interested in touring the facility is welcome.

**Chair's Report** – none.

**Committee / Liaison Reports** – none.

**Community Concerns/Comments** – Residents expressed concern over the darkness and no light in the area and are afraid that someone will get hit if cars cannot see them late in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned (motion by D. New, seconded by T. Printz-Platnick).

*Board Attendance:* Dennis Barnes, Brian Donohue, Arthur Edmunds, Scott Graham, Mark Firley, Mamady Kamara, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Linda Moore, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals (via phone) James Wallace, Kraig Walsleben, and Joel Yesley.

*Additional Guests:* Senator Nancy King; Senator Brian Feldman; Delegate Kirill Reznik; Delegate Charles Barkley; Delegate Kathleen Dumais; Edgar Gonzales, Deputy Director of the Department of Liquor Control; Melanie Wenger, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations; Brian Jones (Councilmember Katz); Dale Tibbitts (Councilmember Elrich), Sharon St. Pierre (Councilmember Rice); Joe Nelson.

*Staff:* Jewru Bandeh and Chiffon Smith